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## LOCAL BREVETIES.

Sunny Kansas forever!

Don't be in a hurry to make garden. March is yet to come.

Judge Cole went to Topeka yesterday on court business.

Do you take a school paper? Subscribe for School Visitor.

Tom Brown was down from Galatia a couple of days last week.

John J. Smith of near Pawnee Rock was in town the first of the week.

Miss Flo Harper, sister of Mrs. M. P. Parker, is in the city on a visit.

Ten applicants for teacher's certificates took the examination last Saturday.

The cold wave will do one good thing for the farmers: bring up the price of eggs.

Howard Bishop and wife are in the city on a visit to the family of H. A. Bishop.

School Visitor is an all home print paper devoted to the schools, only 35c per year.

Will correspondents please notify us when in need of stationery, and we will supply them.

Frank Herthel, Sr., was down from Claflin Tuesday, and made the DEMOCRAT office a call.

All Knights of Pythias should try and be in attendance at lodge this—Thursday evening.

Wednesday, the 29th, was Kansas Day, and was appropriately celebrated by the public schools.

C. P. Ayers, of the south side, is up in Rush county, near Shaffer this week, baling hay for shipment.

Licence to wed was issued on the 27th to William Jones and Miss Susie Madison, both of Claflin.

The Cyclone and the New York Store have each something new to say to their readers this week.

On Sunday, the 19th, a fine girl baby came to increase the joys of Mr. and Mrs. John Barth, at Claflin.

Tom Ely has rented the room next south of him, and will open a restaurant in it the first of the month.

E. H. Shirk, formerly of Sterling, is the new night agent at the Santa Fe. He comes highly recommended.

Justice J. C. Lytle, of Hoisington, was in the city Wednesday, and favored the DEMOCRAT office with a call.

The people generally seem to be in favor of retaining the street lights at the present price paid by the city.

The ladies of the M. E. church cleared about \$28 on the course of lectures delivered by Tank Kee last week.

Louis Haight of Pawnee Rock was shopping in town the first of the week, and made the DEMOCRAT office a call.

C. J. Harrison, a nephew of W. H. Wyley of this city, came in from Peabody this week to attend the C. N. C.

Mrs. Fanny McCormick, of Chicago, came in last week, to visit old friends and look after some business matters.

H. F. Myers, the machinist, has just received a couple of elegant 'Crescent' bicycles. To see them is to want them.

The January School Visitor, Superintendent McKinney's neat and popular educational journal, is out this week.

Charley Zutavern, Geo. Nimocks, Jr., and Willis and Otis Bollinger visited in Germany—Ellinwood we mean—last Sunday.

S. T. and C. R. Ray, of the eastern part of the state, were here a few days last week, the guests of J. Wood Brown.

The B. F. C. club gave a party in honor of Miss Avis Davis, at the home of W. H. Tamplin, Friday evening of last week.

If you wonder why Councilman Geo. Kincaid is so frisky of late, remember that a fine young democratic son was born to him Monday, the 27th.

All firemen should remember that there will be a regular meeting of the company on Friday evening of this week.

You can subscribe for any prominent paper or magazine, at the postoffice, and save the cost of stamps, money order etc.

Send to the county superintendent for sample copy of School Visitor. It is the only county paper devoted to the public schools.

Fourteen new members were added to the Congregational church rolls last Sunday. Rev. L. C. Schnacke is doing a good work in our midst.

J. D. Welch, having severed his connection with the DEMOCRAT, goes to Independence, Mo., to take charge of Joe Borders' Daily Blade.

Will some one bring in a load of cobs on subscription? Big cobs or little cobs white or yellow—any color or size, so they will make the kettle boil.

A dishonest man is the most contemptible work of G—of the devil we should say. Don't think God had anything to do with making 'em.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church gave a delightful observation social last Friday evening at the home of J. George Brinkman.

The avocation of a footpad is more honorable than that of the professional dead beat who lays his plans to defraud those who have been his best friends.

Ex County Clerk Tyler is still a very sick man. He went home sick after retiring from the county clerk's office, and has hardly been able to sit up since then.

The C. N. C. menagerie is again open for visitors. Saturday night of this week the Guerrillas will be put through a series of performances for the amusement of the public.

Prof. C. C. Fontana and Grace Eden gave our people two very pleasant evenings' entertainment. The K. of P's were fortunate in securing so pleasing an attraction.

Alex Edwards, colored, aged 44 years living in the north part of town, went crazy this week. About two months ago he lost his wife. Alex is a son-in-law of Rev. Stevenson.

The Great Bend brass band will give a benefit dance in the near future. The boys are practicing with much pains and study, and are already able to furnish excellent music.

Owing to the macinations of Welch and a misunderstanding with the ready print house, the DEMOCRAT is a day late this week. We promise you it will not happen again.

Bob Brown says his enjoyment of the Fontana hypnotic show would have been complete, if the opera house janitor could have been induced to put a couple more cobs in the stove.

Chess Nichols went up to Nekomo, Rush county, Wednesday morning to take charge of the skimming station for the Great Bend Creamery Co. Chess is an old hand at the business.

Mrs. G. L. Chapman visited with the family of her uncle, W. H. Brinkman at Larned the last few days. Mrs. Brinkman's mother, Mrs. Waters, died while on a visit in California last week.

How many parents know the number, or what studies their children are pursuing at school? Few takes enough interest in the school life of their little ones to look in upon their work once a year.

Mrs. Belle Corson, formerly of Hoisington, but now of Denver, Colorado, and Miss Bertha French, of Hoisington, were shopping in the city Tuesday. They left an order for calling cards at this office.

About forty people, young and old, called at the residence of W. H. Tamplin, in the Fourth ward, Tuesday night. Refreshments were served, and a jolly good time was enjoyed. The party met at J. J. Winterburg's, and from there swooped down upon their unsuspecting host and hostess.

The Santa Fe mortgages now being filed in the different counties through which the road passes make 208 pages of printed matter and add \$73.90 to the exchequer of each register of deeds who handles them.

Editor Pope of the Weekly Call, and Attorney Bass, both prominent Topeka colored men, were in the city the first of the week in the interest of the Call. They will give a write up of Great Bend and its interests.

The probate judge has had a slight boom in business the last few days of spring weather. Monday he granted a marriage license to Charles Metz, of Ellinwood, and Miss Minnie Kaufmann of Stafford county, near Hudson.

It is reported that Will Shockey has again taken up the razor and shears, and we will not be surprised to see him back in Great Bend before long. Once a Bender, always a Bender—at least that seems to be the way with all good people.

Mathais Buess and wife returned from Toulare, California, last Sunday. They went out last fall with the intention of making it their home; but concluded that old Barton county is best. Mr. Buess says times are as hard in California as in Kansas.

FOR SALE: A well improved farm of 160 acres, 8 miles north of Hollywood Barton county Kansas, value \$1,800, will sell at a bargain. For particulars address Mrs. E. W. ALLEN, 6t 248 Clark avenue, Freeport, Ill.

A number of the friends of W. B. King and wife called at the residence, in the Third ward, last Saturday night, all "unbeknownst" to them, and enjoyed a pleasant evening. They say the old soldiers acted just like a "passel" of kids turned loose from school for a holiday.

It does pay to advertise. Rumor has it that at least three of the gentlemen whose advertisement appeared in the DEMOCRAT last week are already engaged to new girls; and as Zute reports an unusual sale of one cent stamps we may look for continued good results in the near future.

Larned has followed the example of Great Bend and levys a tax on joints. Time has demonstrated that it is impossible to enforce the prohibitory law in a community where public sentiment is against it, and Larned has done wisely in reaping an advantage from the tariff.

Last Saturday the team of a colored man living south of the river ran away. Going down Main street they ran into one of the fire hydrants, breaking it off and flooding the streets from the waterworks, which latter had to shut down for the greater part of the day in order to make repairs.

The Great Bend Foundry and Machine Co. have leased their machine shop to H. F. Meyers. He will do all kinds of machine work promptly and in a workman like manner; also Blacksmithing in all its branches; will also do all kinds of Bicycle repairing and buy and sell Bicycles and Trimmings. Give me a call, I will treat you right. 3t

Tank Kee closed his series of lectures on China and interesting exhibition of the many curious articles used by the Antipodean people, Saturday evening. These lectures were given under the auspices of the M. E. church and were both interesting and profitable. Tank Kee promised to visit Great Bend again when we have the next courting meeting.

The Barton County Irrigation Association met last Saturday and took action towards a more permanent organization of the association. The secretary was instructed to write the Secretary of Agriculture and learn what procedure is necessary to enable the association to get a representation on the state board of agriculture; and also to procure a charter. There were not many members present, but those few are determined that the cause which they espouse shall not die out in Barton county.

## PERSONAL POINTERS.

Postmaster Briggs was down from Heizer Monday.

August Schreppel was up from Ellinwood Tuesday.

Sam Harper, of Olmitz, was a caller last Wednesday.

H. Caro returned from his eastern trip Saturday night.

Miss Lottie Worrall visited friends in the city last week.

Dr. J. F. Hess returned from Kansas City last Wednesday.

D. W. Graves, late of Missouri, is a new clerk at Lundblades'.

O. J. Richards made a business trip to Larned last Saturday.

Bert Barnett, of the Shrouf-Seward barber shop, Sundayed at Alden.

G. N. Moses took care of a bad cold several days the past week.

Bert Winterburg and Bert Ward sported at Ellinwood last Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Clugston paid her respects to the DEMOCRAT Monday.

D. Hall, of the Great Bend creamery, visited Heizer last Wednesday.

Little Gracie Purviance is about recovered from her recent sick spell.

D. W. Linder, of the north side, did business in town last Wednesday.

Steve Williams, our old west side friend, was trading in the Monday.

Mrs. Bruce Jones, who has been very ill for some time, is now about recovered.

Frank Snider and Waymond Vansell, of Claflin, were county seat visitors Monday.

Frank Byram and wife, of Pawnee Rock township, were trading in the city Monday.

E. R. Moses went to Oklahoma the first of the week, to attend some irrigation meetings.

H. J. Webber, of Hoisington, was doing business in the county seat the first of the week.

Joe Troillet, the popular cigar manufacturer, visited his patrons in Ellinwood Monday.

Bro. J. W. A. Cooke, of the Claflin Leader, was a welcome caller on the DEMOCRAT, Monday.

Postmaseer Daniels of Pawnee Rock, was a Great Bend visitor the first part of the week.

Wm. Klien, of Okarche, Oklahoma came in Tuesday night for a short visit with his brother, H. J.

W. A. Dunn, the heavyweight grocer, is entertaining the neighbors, trying to master a bicycle.

Tom Southern and Jim Butler, two Mo. Pacific R. R. men of Hoisington were doing the town Monday.

The young friends of Arthur Taylor gave him a surprise party at his home north-west of town Saturday night.

Editor Hoffer, of Lincoln, Kansas, formerly of the Larned Eagle-Optic, paid his Great Bend friends a visit this week.

Will Mitchell came over from Hoisington to visit Sunday and Monday with his sister. He goes to Cripple Creek to join his father this week.

Mr. Andrew McKinney and wife, accompanied by their daughters Mrs. Johnson and Miss Nellie McKinney left for their home in Washington, last Friday, after several months visit in this county.

Jim Rooks is about the busiest colored man in town. He has several of the important business institutions of the city under his charge. In his daily rounds he looks after the Post Office, the J. V. Brinkman Co. Bank, the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the A. O. U. W. Hall, Clarke & Russell's law-office and Judge Cole's office. Then he superintends matters at L. J. Barker's residence, and finds time to also keep things right side up for James Rooks, Esq.

Yes, it still rains in Barton county. A slow, south-east rain commenced Wednesday evening.

## Pay Your Tax.

By order of County Commissioners the delinquent tax of 1893, 1894, & 1895, have been placed in the hands of the sheriff for collection. If you do not hold a receipt for those three years you had better call and settle, as a visit from the sheriff may be expensive. 3t

## Arm Broken.

H. A. Wilson, living north of town, had a runaway the first of the week that was both expensive and painful. He thrown from his wagon and his arm broken, and the wagon and harness sadly demoralized. Plenty of feed in the country seems to make horses unusually frisky.

## Dentistry.

My office will be open February 3rd to 8th. Parties wanting work done will do well to call early and make engagements as the doctor's time is already engaged for part of the week. Remember I guarantee all work exactly as represented to you.

C. E. CASTLE, Prop.

## A New Tailor Shop.

Mr. J. J. Paul, late with J. J. Phelan of Sterling, has opened a merchant tailoring establishment in the room just west of the First National Bank. Mr. Paul comes highly recommended, and says he will guarantee to do first class work at all times. He solicits a call.

Another new, necessary and useful kitchen tool, the Christy S. I. B. Spatula or Handy Kitchen Knife, more wonderful than the Christy Bread Knives. We will mail sample to any address in the U. S. A. on receipt of 50 cents. Agents wanted in this vicinity. Write quick for territory.

THE R. J. CHRISTY MFG. CO.  
Clyde, Ohio.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Congregational church meets every two weeks, on Wednesday afternoon, at the home of some member. After the regular order of business has been attended to a literary program will be carried out which will be both entertaining and instructive to the members. It is to be hoped that all the ladies of the church will feel it a duty to help the society by becoming members.

Leutellis Baldwin, in an historical article in the School Visitor for January says that the "school marms of the '70's were much handsomer and smarter than those of to-day." Whew! they must have been paragons of intellect and beauty. We shudder to think of the fate in store for Mr. Baldwin should he visit the normal this year, as is his custom. But never mind, girls; the old man has to wear specks now.

Last Saturday afternoon, the 25th, a young fellow from the livery stable at Bushton started with a traveling man to drive to Claflin. While bowling along over the undulating prairies enjoying the health-giving ozone of Kansas' own production, unmindful of a near approaching enemy, they were suddenly made aware that they had a hot box—or something else hot—in the vicinity of their pedal extremities. Suddenly the buggy bottom, lap-robe and their own clothing were attacked by fire, and it was only by a close shave that they got out of the buggy, alive and released their team. The buggy was entirely burned up, and the drummer lost the lower part of his pantaloons and had his legs badly scorched. It is supposed that a match dropped into the bottom of the buggy, and stepped on became ignited, and thus set fire to the outfit.

The year 1896 is a leap year—the last one of the century.

Utah was admitted into the Union by proclamation of the president, January 4th. Oklahoma wishes to be the 46th state.

## Advertised Letters.

Following is a list of letters remaining uncalled or in the postoffice at Great Bend for the week ending January 29, 1896:

Brooks, Chas. A.,	Genas, A. F.,
Hardy, Jekkon,	Hayes, E. W.,
Protzman, C. W.,	Schultz, Henry,
Unruh, Miss Helena A.,	Valentine, L.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please pay "advertisers." WILL E. BROWN, P. M.